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IN BRIEF

“WHOSE JESUS”

The Intercultural Gender communication class is sponsoring a group discussion about Christian perceptions at Hope College entitled, “Whose Jesus.” It will be held Wednesday, Dec. 6 in the Martha Miller Center Fried-Hemmingway Auditorium at 9 p.m. The hope of the discussion is to communicate and understand thoughts and feelings about Christianity at Hope College. Films clips will be shown and survey data distributed to initiate a discussion. The Intercultural Gender communication class “(feels) that this conversation is a need at our institution. Your input is very necessary.” All faculty and students are invited to attend this free event.

FACULTY FAREWELLS

Jim Heisler, professor of economics, and Jim Zoetewey, professor of political science, intend to retire from full-time teaching at the end of this year. Both men have given decades of service to Hope and will be recognized for their achievements and dedication next spring.

In addition, Mark Little, professor of physics, has accepted a new position in industry in Pocatello, Idaho effective Jan. 1, 2007.

ICY MISHAPS

On Tuesday, Dec. 4, a Hope College snow plow was involved in an accident near the Haworth Center while plowing snow.

Later the same day, a shuttle van was involved in a property damage accident causing damage to the front of the van.

Students and staff are cautioned to be wary while driving in blustery weather as well as to acknowledge the accumulated snow and ice.

AIDS AWARENESS: LIVES AT STAKE

Annika Carlson
STAFF WRITER

Even the first snowfall of winter could not prevent members of Acting on AIDS from getting their message out on Friday, Dec. 1. AoA, a group which is new to Hope College this year, observed World AIDS Day by raising awareness about HIV/AIDS on campus.

In the Pine Grove, AoA members put 1,250 wooden stakes in the ground with attached pictures of children affected or infected by HIV/AIDS. Participants were encouraged to take a picture, read the story of the child, wear it around their neck and pray for the child throughout the day. The event, called Lives Are at Stake, was coordinated by World Vision, a Christian relief

organization which focuses on eliminating poverty and its effects on children.

According to Will Nettleton ('07), founder of Hope's chapter of AoA, more than 80 Christian colleges in the United States participated in similar activities during World AIDS Day through World Vision. The pictures for the event were provided directly by World Vision, and other materials were donated by Meijer and Van Wieren Hardware. The stakes were assembled and placed by a team of students who have been meeting throughout the semester in preparation for the event.

“We had 21 people who staked the Pine Grove at 6:45 a.m. in sleet,” Nettleton said. “They were very dedicated.”

Nettleton spoke in Chapel

about the relationship between religion and HIV/AIDS. Dean of the Chapel Trygve Johnson introduced Nettleton, connecting his message to Campus Ministry's vision for Hope.

“Growing world Christians in the soil of Hope—this is what we're about,” Johnson said.

Nettleton's talk focused on the connection between anger, hope and humility when considering HIV/AIDS. He opened with a series of facts about the scope of the disease, noting that approximately 40 million people are currently infected with HIV/AIDS, with large percentages of women, children and impoverished people affected.

“I am angry that the church isn't more involved,” Nettleton said.



PHOTO COURTESY HOPE P.R.
World Aids Day, 2006

Despite the overwhelming reach of the disease, “we don't have to tolerate the current status

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FACULTY RAISES THE SALARY BAR

Shannon Craig
INVESTIGATIVE REPORTER

The minutes from the Professional Interest Committee meetings on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1 mentioned the little progress Hope College has made in raising the average Hope professor's salary above the Great Lakes Colleges Association median salary.

According to the American Association of University Professors, the average salary of a

full time professor at Hope College is \$70,300. Associate professors earn an average of \$56,100, while assistant professors earn \$47,600 on average.

Unless salaries are adjusted across the board, faculty members will receive a raise when recognized for a significant accomplishment or according to the performance evaluation procedure as described in the faculty handbook.

“The college has had the goal of reaching the mean of the GLCA for faculty salaries for a long time. In discussion with the president and the chief financial officers, we try to get closer to the goal but Hope is at a disadvantage since both our tuition and our endowment are relatively low compared to the other GLCA colleges,” said Andrew Dell'Olio, a member of the Professional Interests Committee.

Comment from Provost James Boelkins, who coordinates the budgeting of faculty salaries, was unavailable at press time.

| Average Professor Salaries at West Michigan Schools | |
|---|------------|
| Hope | - \$70,300 |
| Aquinas | - \$48,800 |
| Calvin | - \$69,300 |
| Grand Valley | - \$80,000 |
| Note: Aquinas, Calvin, & Grand Valley are not members of the GLCA | |
| Source: American Association of University Professors | |

ONE THREE MAN, ONE DEW CREW

Zach Nielson
STAFF WRITER

Hope College basketball has started, which can only mean one thing—it's Dew Crew season.

Though there have already been many loyal Hope basketball fans at games this season, the first official gathering of Hope's celebrated student section will be this Friday, Dec. 8, at the DeVos Fieldhouse when Hope will play Grace Bible College.

Students who attend this game will undoubtedly experience a sacred tradition—the selection of this year's Three Man (or Three-Point Man). Former Three Men, including Chris Maybury ('08) and Brent Boersma ('09), have spent their semester scouting and exploring candidates to fill this honorable position. A decision will be made before Friday and announced at halftime. There were no suggestions of any candidates available at press time.

While the new Flying Dutchman is Hope's mascot, the Three Man is the unofficial mascot of the team's student section. A Three Man only holds



PHOTO COURTESY JASON CASH

THE BLEACHERS AWAIT THE CREW — Dew Crew Rally Night is today, Dec. 6, at 7:30 PM in the DeVos Fieldhouse. Students can meet the men's basketball team, learn cheers and the first 100 through the East doors with an ID may get Hope/Calvin Tickets to the AWAY game.

his office for his freshman year and is held responsible for specific duties during home basketball games. The Three Man must be distinguished at every game by wearing his or her traditional T-shirt or a unique costume. The Dew Crew saw alternative Three Man attire during the '02-'03 school year when Dean Gibbie ('06) painted his entire body blue with an orange “3” on his chest.

Every time Hope scores a 3-pointer, the Three Man is

responsible for parading around the Dew Crew with an oversized cardboard Mountain Dew poster and eventually posting it on the wall. The wall is decorated with several cardboard Mountain Dews by the end of games.

The student section seats an average of 300 students at home games, but has seen more than 600 students. There's no doubt Hope vs. Calvin games see the most vibrant Dew Crew showings, whether home or away.

“Dew Crew members are much like arctic caribou, they travel in packs,” Maybury said.

The Dew Crew, which was started over a decade ago by current assistant varsity coach Matt Neil and his wife, may see some innovations for this year's basketball season. Former Three Men, Anne Bakker, from the DeVos ticket office, and other dedicated students such as Matt Wixson ('08) and Jason Cash ('07), have been brainstorming ideas to revitalize and improve Hope's student section. Potential enhancements include working with the Anchor Band and the cheerleading squad to orchestrate more effective cheering and creating additional trademark cheers.

The Dew Crew Rally Night is today Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the DeVos Fieldhouse. The first 100 students through the east doors with a valid Hope ID will have the opportunity to receive tickets to the Hope vs. Calvin away game, as well as learn Dew Crew cheers, purchase an official T-shirt and meet the men's basketball team.

POPE VISITS TURKEY; MUSLIMS PROTEST

Joe Vasko
STAFF WRITER

Upon his arrival in Turkey on Nov. 28, Pope Benedict XVI expressed his intentions for his trip to be mainly a pastoral encounter and not a political one. Intentions were aimed at bridging divisions between Christians and Muslims, East and West, and Catholic and Orthodox churches.

Despite the reported intentions, the trip was not without opposition.

In Istanbul, prior to the pope's visit, there were major protest rallies, some exceeding 25,000 people, consisting of Muslims who saw the visit as just another Western intrusion into Islamic affairs.

Many of the protestors were still angry over the pope's speech at the University of Regensburg on Sept. 12, in which he quoted a 13th-century Byzantine emperor linking Islam with violence. There was even a book on the best-seller list in Turkey subtitled "Who will kill the pope in Turkey?"

As soon as the pope set foot on Turkish soil, he talked briefly



PHOTO COURTESY THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

A SEAMLESS GARMENT — Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, leader of the Eastern Orthodox Church, welcomes Pope Benedict XVI to Turkey.

to Turkey's prime minister. He then proceeded to another part of the capital, intending to meet with representatives of Turkey's government and its overwhelmingly Muslim

population. The meetings were attended by various Turkish political officials, including the president.

In his speech, the pope addressed current Turkish

laws that forbid Christians and other religious minorities from preaching and constructing churches by stressing the necessity for religious freedom. From there, he met with Islamic clerics

aiming to promote "dialogue, fraternity and the commitment to understanding" between Christians and Muslims.

Overall, the pope's trip was quiet, not meeting the kind of protest that was expected. On the streets of Ankara, along the pope's route, there were thousands of heavily armed policemen, including strategically placed snipers and bomb sweeping teams. The few demonstrations that were reported were peaceful.

From Ankara, the pope traveled to Efes, also known as Ephesus, to celebrate mass at the supposed last residence of the Virgin Mary, then continued on to Istanbul to meet with the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew.

At the Orthodox church of St. George, clouded with incense and celebrating a joint liturgy, some aspects of which extend all the way back to the Great Schism of 1054, the congregation chanted antiphons honoring the patrons of the Roman Church, Sts. Peter and Paul, and the patron of the Orthodox Patriarchate, St. Andrew.

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CALL FOR MILITARY DRAFT A LONG SHOT

Congressman Charles Rangel says draft should be reinstated; Democratic leaders oppose plan

Brian McLellan
STAFF WRITER

As the newly named chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., has renewed his efforts to reinstate the military draft. Rangel introduced a draft bill prior to the invasion of Iraq in 2003. This and other previous efforts to reinstate the draft have gone largely unnoticed when the Democrats were in the minority.

Rangel says the reinstatement of the draft would make military service fairer for all ethnic groups and help avoid future wars by deterring politicians from starting them.

"There's no question in my mind that this president and this administration would never have invaded Iraq, especially on the flimsy evidence that was presented

to the Congress, if indeed we had a draft, and members of Congress and the administration thought that their kids from their communities would be placed in harm's way," Rangel said. "If we're going to challenge Iran and challenge North Korea and then, as some people have asked, to send more troops to Iraq, we can't do that without a draft."

The draft legislation Rangel is proposing requires all Americans of the age of 18 to register for the draft. Men and women would be made eligible for service until age 42 under Rangel's legislation.

"Young people (would) commit themselves to a couple of years in service to this great republic, whether it's our seaports, our airports, in schools, in hospitals," Rangel said, explaining that draftees would



PHOTO COURTESY U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

not necessarily need to serve in uniform.

In addition, there would be fewer exemptions to draft service than there were in the Vietnam

era. Rangel's proposed legislation would only allow exemptions for reasons of health or conscience.

In June 2005, outgoing Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said,

"There isn't a chance in the world that the draft will be brought back."

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C.,

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TROOPS FIGHTING IN IRAQ— Soldiers patrol the streets during the Iraq War. The heavy strain that the Iraq War has had on the present day soldiers in Iraq has led some, like Rep. Rangel, to look at possibilities of reinstating a draft.



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THIS WEEK IN ART

Wednesday Dec. 6**Concert: They Were Thieves**

8 p.m. Snow Auditorium. All proceeds go to the Center for Women in Transition. Sponsored by the Women's Issues Organization and the Independent Music Club.

"Two Rooms"

8 p.m. Through Dec. 9. DeWitt Theater. Admission \$4 for students; \$5 for staff; \$7 for adults.

Thursday Dec. 7**Music Department Student Recital**

11 a.m. Dimnent Chapel. Admission free.

MUSIC DEPARTMENT HOSTS SYMPOSIUM

The music department is hosting a symposium this week featuring lectures on a variety of topics. They include "Americanist Composers," "Music Education and Music Therapy," "Politics and Religion in Popular Music" and "Sacred Musics in America" among others. Several students will participate in these lectures along with faculty from the music department. The lectures will be held at a variety of times beginning Wednesday, Dec. 6 and ending Thursday, Dec. 7. Specific times and locations can be found on Knowhope.

TWO NEW STUDENT CLUBS APPROVED

The Ballet Club and the Martial Arts Club both went before the Extracurricular Activities Council recently to seek formal approval. Each club presented a proposal and was approved pending certain requirements are met. The Ballet Club is seeking financial support from the dance department, and the Martial Arts Club is making final revisions to the organization's constitution. Neither club will receive funding from the student activities budget.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS SPONSOR STUDY BREAKS

The Hope Asian Perspective Association, La Raza Unida and Black Student Union have organized a series of study breaks aimed at celebrating the upcoming holiday and providing activities for Hope College students to unwind. Tonight, Dec. 6, they will show "Love Actually," a romantic comedy with big name stars, in VanderWerf 102 at 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 7 is deemed "Grey's Anatomy" Night. All those obsessed with the show are encouraged to gather in Maas Auditorium at 8:30 p.m. for the 9 p.m. airing of the newest episode. The week will conclude with a karaoke party in Maas at 8:30 p.m. There will be food, prizes and a gift exchange. All students are encouraged to attend.

DePree selects student art

Katie Bennett
STAFF WRITER

On Nov. 30, the annual Juried Student Art Show debuted in the De Pree Art Center.

The debut and following reception were well-attended and helped to kick off a week full of student art appreciation.

The juried show, which happens only once a year, is an opportunity for Hope students to have their artwork shown in a gallery.

All Hope students, regardless of whether or not they are involved in the art department,

are invited to submit works to the show.

The juror then takes around 180 submissions and selects approximately 60 for the show.

This year Art Martin, assistant curator at the Muskegon Museum of Art, was invited by the art faculty to be the juror.

"The juror tries to select the highest quality work that represents the broadest selection of student art," said Steve Nelson, art department chairman. "He also gives a lecture where he will explain his choices and discuss why he selected particular pieces."



CREATIVE EXPRESSION — "Worship," pictured in the upper-right corner, and "Seababy," directly right, are examples of the variety of student work on display in DePree's gallery, left.



PHOTO EDITOR JARED WILKENING

Senior directs 'The Shape of Things'

Larissa Mariano
STAFF WRITER

The theater department of Hope College gives acting students the opportunity to participate in an independent project during their senior year. In the Theater 490 project, senior students in the theatre department get to act, direct and design a play of their choosing. The professors of the

department must approve the play and an advisor is assigned to each student.

Kit Nykamp ('07) is the director of "The Shape of Things," which will be showing in the DeWitt Theatre on Feb. 2 and 3.

"I am in charge of orchestrating what goes on onstage and making sure it is interesting, provocative and, in very rudimentary terms,

good," Nykamp said.

"The Shape of Things," written by Neil LaBute, is about two young people, Adam and Evelyn, who happen to meet by chance. Evelyn, played by Kate Goetzinger ('07), suggests to her new boyfriend, Adam, played by Adam Carpenter ('07), that he change his appearance. Adam becomes more attractive by the social norms that have been set in place for him. His friend Phillip, played by Chad Coe ('07), is engaged to Jenny, played by Laura Van Tassell ('09).

"There is a surprise twist at the end, which I'm not going to give away. The fundamental questions the play asks are, 'What is art?' and 'What is beauty?'" Nykamp said.

"The Shape of Things" is relevant to a typical college student's life and the subjects hit very close to home.

"How many times are we confronted with pictures of

what society deems 'beautiful' or 'perfect'? I believe a student would walk away from this play with a whole new outlook," Nykamp said.

The play contains some very strong language. Those working on the play, however, decided to keep all the material in their production.

"I think that some students may be offended by some of the language, but the playwright put it in there for a reason, so we feel that it is best to keep it," Goetzinger said.

Rehearsal for "The Shape of Things" is underway already. There will be more advertising and information following Christmas break. Admission to the performance will be no more than \$2.

When asked about her inspirations for choosing the piece, Nykamp said, "I didn't choose the play. I did choose to work on the play for its message to society."

Activist theater proposal

Courtenay Roberts
ARTS EDITOR

Jennifer Blair ('07) is combining her passions as she pursues theater for a social cause by seeking to bring the "Vagina Monologues" to Hope's campus.

Her interest in the play began as an activist project for her Introduction to Women's Studies class with professor Julie Kipp.

She along with Melissa Murray ('08), Jocelyn Vammer ('08) and Whitney Thomas ('07) are presenting a proposal to Dean of Students Richard Frost and Dean of International and Multicultural Education Alfredo Gonzales today, Dec. 6.

"The play helps women feel

safe and empowered and to find their voice," Blair said. "It's about raising awareness on global issues."

The play began as a book and includes the testimonials of women discussing and celebrating their sexuality.

It has inspired a grassroots movement across college campuses called V-Day, which designates Feb. 14 as a day for organized response against violence toward women.

As a part of this movement, the students propose that all proceeds from the play will go to a women's organization like Holland's Center for Women in Transition.

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TWO ROOMS

December 1-2 and 6-9 2006 8pm

AoA

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of HIV/AIDS,” Nettleton said. “We as students of Hope can bring about change in our world.”

Nettleton focused on raising awareness about the need for action. HIV/AIDS is not simply a medical problem.

“It is a social, economic, political, ethical, moral and religious issue,” Nettleton said.

Connecting the international pandemic to Hope’s Christian mission, “The body of Christ is HIV positive,” Nettleton said.

Nettleton invited the audience to participate in Lives Are at Stake, encouraging them to seek information about HIV/AIDS. In addition to the Chapel presentation, there were AoA informational booths in Phelps Hall, Cook Hall and the narthex of the Chapel. Additionally, Amnesty International held a letter-writing campaign focused on HIV/AIDS on Saturday.

World AIDS Day activities also included fundraisers for Shikokho Medical Clinic in Kenya. The fundraisers were organized in conjunction with Hope alumna Dawn Flandermeyer (’05), who worked at the clinic

in 2006 and found that it could not afford HIV/AIDS testing and treatment for the village of 1,500 people. The goal of Hope groups was to raise \$840, which would finance one year of HIV/AIDS testing, counseling and education for the clinic. Mortar Board, AoA, Cosmopolitan Fraternity and Amnesty International have all participated in fundraisers for Shikokho Medical Clinic this semester.

On Friday night, Dec. 1, AoA sponsored a fundraiser at Coldstone Creamery on 8th Street with all proceeds going toward the Shikokho clinic. Though the fundraisers have not been totaled yet, Nettleton is confident that Hope groups surpassed their goal.

Fundraisers aside, AoA members were pleased with the amount of student participation in World AIDS Day events. Despite the weather, AoA member Alison Mejeur (’07) is confident that “the message will be there no matter what.”

“Learn, Discern, Act”

Nettleton (’07) was first motivated to bring the fight against HIV/AIDS to Hope after attending the Student Summit on AIDS at Wheaton College



PHOTO COURTESY TOREY ALLEN

ACTING ON AIDS — AoA Hope chapter founder Will Nettleton (’07), left, and group members walk in Grand Rapids to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS in West Michigan.

in 2005. Though he had always been interested in issues of public health, the students he met at the conference made Nettleton want to take action on his own campus.

“I admired students’ activism—they understood the problem and acted on it,” Nettleton said.

The goal of AoA is to raise awareness about the HIV/AIDS pandemic. Nettleton often repeats his motto, “Learn, Discern, Act,”

emphasizing the importance of assessing the problems which contribute to the pandemic before acting.

“The issue is so complex we need a foundation to work from,” Nettleton said. By learning the history and effects of the pandemic, Nettleton hopes students will “discern how to act appropriately. Otherwise, we end up doing nothing or doing more harm than good.”

After World AIDS Day,

Nettleton hopes to continue to grow AoA by increasing membership and becoming an official student organization. He plans to advocate a Critical Issues Symposium dedicated to issues of public health as a way to further raise awareness among students.

“Students are yearning to evoke the social ethics of Christianity in their daily lives,” Nettleton said. “We’re at a tipping point.”



THE ANCHOR

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Where: Anchor Office Martha Miller 1st Floor

When: Sundays 6 - 7 p.m.

Congressional Corner

Student Congress held its annual Christmas party last night. Congress Representatives enjoyed cookies and participated in a white elephant gift exchange.

President Bultman Speaker

The President Bultman Speaker will be Paul Solomon from PBS. The speaker series is a yearly event co-sponsored by President Bultman and Student Congress. The speaker series has historically sponsored such notables as Ghandi’s grandson and Cleve Jones, founder of the AIDS Quilt.

Nov. 28 Meeting

At the previous Student Congress meeting, each task force presented updates and the floor was opened for suggestions.

Open Floor/ Constituent Concerns

The Postal Service Proposal was withdrawn. A congress member asked if it would be possible to have the Monday, following Easter off. The Administrative Affairs Board will be consulted.

The next Student Congress meeting will be held after Christmas break.

Turkey

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“We kneel in humility and repentance before the living God and Our Lord Jesus Christ, whose precious name we bear and yet whose seamless garment we have divided,” said the Patriarch who, with the pope, expressed sorrow and longing for Christian unity.

The occasion, however, remained optimistic. After the three-hour liturgy, the patriarch recalled the efforts of previous

popes to mend rifts between the churches. Efforts include those by John Paul II who, in one particular gesture, returned an Orthodox relic that was said to have been stolen during the Crusades.

“It is only through brotherly communion between Christians and through their mutual love that the message of God’s love for each and every man and woman will become credible,” Pope Benedict said.

Draft

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who serves as a colonel in the U.S. Air Force Standby Reserve, shares Rumsfeld’s sentiments.

“I think we can do this with an all-voluntary service, all-voluntary Army, Air Force, Marine Corps and Navy. And if we can’t, then we’ll look for some other option,” Graham said.

Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., the upcoming Speaker of the House, has said that the Democratic Party leadership in both houses of Congress would not support Rangel’s call for a draft. However, she said she does see

Rangel’s point in pushing for the reinstatement of the draft.

“It’s a way to make a point about this war,” Pelosi said.

According to recent public opinion polls, about 70 percent of Americans oppose the reinstatement of the draft. Bill Schneider, a senior political analyst for CNN, recently weighed in on the matter.

“And those who are calling for a draft, of course, know that it’s unpopular. They believe it may be the fastest way to end the war, and to keep the United States out of future wars,” Schneider said.

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@ 'Tis the season for Advent calendars!

Meaghan Lewis
STAFF WRITER

Evelyn Daniel
FEATURES EDITOR

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6 Celebrate St. Nicholas' Day. According to "Christianity Today," St. Nicholas was a bishop in the town of Myra (in modern-day Turkey) in the 300s A.D., known in legend for anonymous gift-giving to the poor. Children throughout the world put their shoes out on the eve of St. Nicholas' Day to be filled with candy and gifts.

7 Make a gingerbread house. Check out <http://www.kingarthurfloor.com> and search "gingerbread house kit."

8 Have a snowball fight.



9 Check out the ice sculpting competition today in the Eighth Street Market Place. Local artists use everything from blowtorches to chain saws to sculpt 150-pound ice blocks into glistening works of art.



10 Deck the halls—or your home.

11 Drink hot chocolate with marshmallows.



12 Go caroling. Check out <http://www.christmas-carols.net/> for song ideas.

13 Go ice-skating. Holland has an outdoor skating rink at Smal-lenburg Park, located at 16th Street and Fairbanks Avenue.



14 Wear red and green.

15 Hanukkah begins at sunset, commemorating the Jewish victory in the Maccabean Revolt. During the fighting, according to the story, the invaders damaged all of the sacred oil in the Temple except for a single container, enough for just one day. This oil burned miraculously in the Temple for eight days and is remembered through the lighting of the candles of the Menorah.

16 Celebrate National Chocolate-Covered Anything Day by making some chocolate-covered pretzels or fruit. Or, use the day as an excuse to put chocolate on something you ordinarily wouldn't.

17 Light the pink candle in your Advent wreath for the third Sunday of Advent.



18 Watch a fun holiday movie. Try "Elf," "The Nightmare Before Christmas," "Home Alone," "Miracle on 34th Street," "Adam Sandler's Eight Crazy Nights," "A Christmas Story," "The Family Stone," "The Polar Express" or "Die Hard."

19 Celebrate Oatmeal Muffin Day by baking your own batch of warm oatmeal muffins. Try the recipe below or make your favorites.



20 Go skiing or snowboarding. Check out <http://www.ski-central.com/michigan.html> or <http://michiganskier.com/links.htm>.

21 Wrap some presents. Make your own wrapping paper out of (hint) recycled newspaper decorated in holiday colors.



22 Celebrate the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year.

23 Hanukkah ends at sunset.

24 Bake holiday cookies. Find new recipes at <http://www.christmas-cookies.com>. Don't forget to leave some out for Santa!



25 Merry Christmas!

26 Kwanzaa begins and continues for seven days. Created in 1966, each day of the holiday celebrates a different value signified by the lighting of a candle. In addition to Kwanzaa, remember to celebrate Boxing Day with our Canadian neighbors!

27 Eat a candy cane.



28 Make a snow angel.



29 Go sledding. Holland has a sledding hill at Van Raalte Farm, located on East 24th Street and Country Club Road. The DeVos Fieldhouse hill is a nearby alternative.

30 Build a snowman.



31 Ring in 2007 tonight at midnight. Kiss under the mistletoe!



Don't let a December day go by without getting in the holiday spirit!

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- enhance student activities and programs.



Celebrate Oatmeal Muffin Day (Dec. 19) with Apple Cinnamon Oatmeal Muffins

Muffins

- 1/4 cup butter, softened
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup applesauce
- 1 apple, peeled and chopped (optional)
- 1 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 1/2 packets apple cinnamon oatmeal
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1 1/2 cup flour

Streusel topping

- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter, cold
- 1/2 packet apple cinnamon oatmeal

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. To make the muffin batter, cream together butter and sugar until light and fluffy. Mix in apple, applesauce, nutmeg, cinnamon and oatmeal. Beat in eggs one at a time. Gently mix in baking soda and flour. Set batter aside.

To make the topping, use a fork to combine butter, brown sugar and remaining oatmeal until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs.

Pour the batter into paper-lined muffin tins and sprinkle with oatmeal mixture. Bake 15-20 minutes, or until a toothpick inserted into the middle comes out clean.



Antiphon

The dream goes on

**Mackenzie
Smith**



It has been a whole semester, half a year, since that night. Larissa, August and I were leaving Washington, D.C. the following day, but that night we went out, out to visit the monuments. The traveling gnome came along, and the night was fun and lighthearted—until, outside the Lincoln Memorial, it took on a deeper meaning. Skipping down the stairs, we almost missed it: a single marble square reading, “I Have a Dream.”

Here we stood, three young women from Chicago, West Michigan and Detroit, with family roots tracing back to Poland, Italy, Holland and Puerto Rico. Here we stood, after a semester in this powerful city, coming to terms with more than we knew.

In the spirit of “antiphon,” I want to share these poems, which came out of that evening but reach far beyond it. They were written together, for and with one another, and this process of collaborative creativity was surprising and enriching—an experience of the community I’ve been seeking. This column is for Larissa, for August, and for everyone whose strength and fire bring dreams to life.

Echoes at the Lincoln Memorial, 2006 Larissa Mariano and Mackenzie Smith

1863: The Gettysburg Address.

*A new nation,
conceived in liberty
and dedicated to the proposition
that all men are created equal.*

We share a new perspective on our nation, living inside the “Beltway,” inside the press, the power, the deadline and insistent importance of it all. All are equal here: equally busy, and sharp, equally competitive, and caught up in self-importance.

Lincoln couldn’t let this stand—this discovery is made late on our journey, on our last night here, standing here, at his feet in the dark night, imagining those who stood here when my parents were young and cared about equal rights and the dream.

A sense of peace comes over me as I gaze over the reflecting pool. Looking further, out to the city that has changed my life forever, I want to curse it for disillusioning me. I want to thank it for blessing me.

The night is clear and I faintly see outlines of stars. The lights of the city glare back at me. My mind is still, for once,

after four months. It took this long for us to realize the gravity of our situation.

*Walking down the steps,
we stumble upon the place:
Martin Luther King Jr.
I Have a Dream
August 28, 1963*

It was here that Martin Luther King, Jr. proclaimed dedication to the *unfinished work, the great task remaining before us*. He stood before the nation, firm and clear:

*Now is the time
to lift our nation from the
quicksands of racial injustice
to the solid rock of brotherhood.
Now is the time.*

Now, in our time, we crouch down, and run our fingers over the etching. We feel its power. And then, we hear his voice.

*I have a dream that my four children
will one day live in a nation where they
will not be judged by the color of their
skin but by the content of their character.*

The words echo as we walk silently back, understanding one another, this place, our hard-won privilege. In silence we support one another as we live this dream—

But that night, at that moment, I wish I hugged them both, or held their hands.

*Little black boys and black girls
will be able to join hands
with little white boys and white girls
and walk together as sisters and brothers.
I have a dream today.*

There Is a Balm August Miller

*“There is a balm in Gilead to make
the wounded whole.
There is a balm in Gilead to heal
the sin-sick soul.
One of these mornings bright and fair,
I’m gonna lay down my heavy load.
Gonna kick my wings and cleave the air.
I’m gonna lay down my heavy load.”
 (“Balm in Gilead” a Negro spiritual)*

I don’t need no balm in Gilead to heal my wounds. Ain’t no need for a ship to Jordan to search for that tree. I got you here with me now and I’m gonna lay my heavy load on your shoulders my friend. We free now, you and me both, to be whole. Both of our sin-sick souls will find forgiveness and grace.

*With this column, Mackenzie is retiring
from her days as editor-in-chief, at the ripe
old age of 21. While remaining the Anchor’s
#1 fan, Mackenzie will be going on to
fulfill her dreams of educating a future
generation of Americans.*

Proposed mascot potentially offensive, gainsays student body priorities

To the Editor:

Bradley Matson (’07), Hope College’s current student body president, has chosen to spearhead a campaign for the development of a Hope mascot. In The Anchor’s Nov. 15 issue, it stated that estimated cost for the mascot suit would be \$7,500.

The fact that Mr. Matson feels this is a good use of the Student Activities Fund clearly demonstrates a misunderstanding of the priorities of the student body. Hope’s campus works intentionally to support charities and service projects. From Dance Marathon to Greek Life fundraisers to Chapel offerings, the campus community makes the point of understanding that our money can benefit the needy of the world. Spending \$7,500 for a mascot is in direct conflict with the efforts of the entire Hope community.

In addition to the initial \$7,500, Mr. Matson feels that a bureaucratic arm known as the “Go

Dutch Committee” is a sensible idea. This 10-person committee will oversee the mascot’s care, scheduling commitments of “development of mascot culture.” From the beginning, the mascot issue has been a quagmire. Some of the issues with the current name “The Flying Dutchmen” are:

1. The name is gender specific: Dutch “men.”
2. The name is culturally specific. Why would it make sense for an elderly Caucasian male (stating his nationality in his name) to be a mascot for a college that is part of an ever-diversifying world?
3. African-American scholars view the Flying Dutch man as a metaphor for the horrors of slavery (Check out Erroll G. Hill’s “A History of African American African American Theatre”).
4. The legend of the Flying Dutchmen describes a demonic crew, cursed to roam the seas.
5. The Dew Crew, cheerleaders and Anchor band already do a

superb job of rallying spirit. Why introduce something now?

Mr. Matson feels that an appropriate response to these issues is to write “Hope College’s Own Legend of the Flying Dutchmen,” as if this will erase any literary symbolism that exists. Thankfully, a student congress member was clear about the promotional intentions that lay behind this project: “The mascot gives an object for the bookstore and athletic department to promote with.”

However, I feel that kitsch sold in the bookstore is not enough justification for the price tag or the potentially offensive connotations the name can imply.

Your president has created a website to outline his intentions: <http://bcmatson.googlepages.com/mascotchcharacter>. I encourage the student body to hold Mr. Matson financially and ethically accountable by emailing him at: bradley.matson@hope.edu.

Michael Braaksma (’07)



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Students should be kind during exam week

To the Editor:

If there is one thing I have learned about this magical time of the semester, it's that any conscious or unconscious problems you have with the people around you will escape your lips whether you want them to or not.

With every last minute assignment (or long term assignment that we neglected to start sooner), we get wound tighter and tighter until we snap at our friends for something that normally wouldn't even make us raise an eyebrow. No amount of procrastinating on Facebook, IM or MySpace will suffice, no coffee will keep us awake, no assignment is enjoyable (even

if it was something we normally enjoy) and any noise that disrupts our studying is part of an evil plot to make us fail all of our classes.

The horrendous pile of work in which we are so absorbed tends to cause us to lose all sense of empathy to everyone and everything around us. After surviving seven semesters, I'm fairly sure that this lack of empathy is what causes the downfall of the human spirit on finals week.

Many of us were raised to be independent with a firm work ethic and a drive to accomplish anything we want or need to. I'm not saying there's a problem with this; I just think we need to be acutely aware of the tendency of this work ethic to make us

think only of ourselves when we are trying to complete a difficult task.

I challenge you to consider the people around you. Give them food. Give them a compliment. Make them laugh. Point out an interesting design in the snow drifts. Use your imagination! If someone does something nice for me, I immediately want to return the favor.

In my experience, positive interaction with friends is the best way for to relieve exam stress. This exam week, pass all your finals, but have some fun on the side. You don't need to feel like the world is falling down around you.

Kate Greenwade ('07)

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ACCELERATED PROGRESS

James Ralston
SPORTS EDITOR

If you were to split the swim season in half, the Wheaton Invitational on Dec. 1 and 2 would be the first half's final hoorah. Coach John Patnott is pleased with his team's performance.

"Our goal every year is to end the first half of the season on a good note," Patnott said. "We give the swimmers a little bit more rest before Wheaton than most midseason meets, this year they really performed well. I was very pleased with both teams."

On top of their final finishes of fourth for the women and third

for the men, Patnott noted a few standout athletes.

On the women's side, Christina Vogelzang ('10) swam personal bests and conditionally qualified for nationals in the 100 and 200 freestyle as well as in multiple relays. Laura Ansilio ('09) also had a standout day with great improvements that helped conditionally qualify several relays for nationals. Lisa Smith ('07) won the 100 butterfly, automatically qualifying for nationals; she also conditionally qualified for nationals in multiple other events. Finally, Claire Piester ('10) had

a day full of personal bests and also conditionally qualified for nationals in several relays.

"The training at Hope is very different from how I used to train," Piester said. "We focus on drills and technique more. Coach made a few minor changes that really helped me feel stronger in the water."

For the women, this meet is an opportunity to be rested and at their best one more time before the long road to nationals.

"I think our success will help keep us going strong for the rest of the season," Vogelzang said. "Because the season is so long,

Swimmers end first half of season with great improvements at Wheaton

it is nice to have a good meet to keep us motivated."

The men also had some strong showings. Phil Heyboer ('10) conditionally qualified for nationals in the 200 backstroke and 400 IM. Kyle Waterstone ('07) showed improvements in many events. Matt Smith ('10) dropped an unprecedented four seconds in the 100 breaststroke and eight seconds in the 200 breaststroke off of his previous best times. Rounding out the men's top performers was Matt Rose ('10) who turned in a personal best in the 200 free and was part of the conditional national qualifying

400 freestyle relay.

"The combination of a slight taper and high expectations for the meet helped us to some fast times," Rose said.

Much like the women, the men's team hopes to take their success at Wheaton and build upon it for the rest of the season.

"The confidence gained from this meet should help to carry us to our meets after Christmas break and then on to leagues," Rose said. "We feel that with the times we put in and some improvements through the rest of the season we can come out of the MIAA championships victorious."

ARCH RIVAL BENCHED: HOPE WINS 14TH STRAIGHT

Jenny Cencer
CAMPUS EDITOR

Hope College hockey skated past rival Calvin College in a 6-1 blowout at the Van Andel Arena in Grand Rapids on Dec. 1. It was a classic meeting between the two rival schools and the titans clashed inside of an impressive 12,000-seat facility.

The Dutchmen's Ryan Kelly ('09) started the bout of scoring 2:16 into the game allowing the visiting Dutch to quiet the heavy crowd from Calvin.

To start the second period, referee Paul Rigby overturned a controversial Hope goal, signaling that a Dutchmen player had kicked the puck into the net. The goal would have put Hope ahead by two. An onslaught of tense penalty kills were silenced when Jon Shaver ('08) lit the lamp on a Dutchmen power play with his first of two goals of the night.

A Calvin comeback was kindled in the third to score an early goal. Calvin's only point ignited a four-goal onslaught by the Dutchmen, ending the game like they had first stepped out on the ice: fast-paced, quick passes and team oriented.

Standout performances included, Mike Headley ('09), who shut out the Knights for two periods and stopped 23 of the 24 shots he faced; forward Kelly, who started Hope's scoring and had assists on two additional goals; and forward Shaver, who had two goals and energetic post-goal celebrations.

On Dec. 2, Hope crushed Saginaw Valley State University through a combination of diverse offense—five different players scored—a tight defense and strong goaltending that led the the Flying Dutchmen to record their 16th win of the season, and 14th straight.

Hope does not play again until Jan. 12 when they face Lawrence Tech.



PHOTO COURTESY JEFF HEADLEY

NONE SHALL PASS — Goalie Mike Headley ('09) defends the net. Headley held Calvin to only one goal despite an onslaught of 24 shots on goal.

IM ATHLETES HAVE FUN WITHOUT THE VARSITY GLAMOR

Nick Hinkle
COPY EDITOR

While winter varsity sports are just beginning, the intramural (IM) fall sports season is coming to an end.

Many students at Hope College participate in IM sports. Last week, IM teams for

women's and men's tennis, coed wallyball and coed racquetball completed their final games for the championships.

Although IM championships do not come with a NCAA trophy, students still enjoy the atmosphere IM sports offer.

"It's laid back, it's offered

a time when (students) can take a break," Director of Intramurals Kristen Morrison said. "They get to interact with their peers in a different type of setting."

In addition to its atmosphere, IM sports offer a variety of different sports not normally available at the collegiate level.

For example, inner tube water polo, wallyball and racquetball give students some alternative sports to try, Morrison said.

Overall, Hope's IM sports offer freedom and flexibility, while giving students a chance to compete and stay active.

"The students are able to do

their own thing and not worry about a coach," Morrison said. "The students playing call their own shots. There are no refs."

Students can sign-up on Jan. 15 in room 202-203 of the Dow for women's and men's volleyball, coed floor hockey and coed inner tube water polo.



PHOTO BY JAMES RALSTON

UNFLAPPABLE — Kaitlyn Kopke ('09) drives to the basket in a scrimmage earlier this year. The Dutch traveled to Wheaton, Ill. Dec. 1 and 2 for the CCIW/MIAA Challenge and came out undefeated. They defeated Carthage 66-51 on Dec. 1 and then battled to a 83-80 overtime win against Wheaton on Dec. 2. The Dutch hold a 5-0 overall record and are currently ranked second in the Division III coaches poll.

THE WEEK IN SPORTS

MEN'S BASKETBALL

A tough set of games led to a disappointing weekend for the Dutchmen. They fell to Carthage 65-71 Dec. 1 and Wheaton 70-73 Dec. 2. The team heads into this weekend's Sentinel Community Classic with a 2-2 record.

Friday Dec. 8
vs. Grace Bible
8 p.m. DeVos Fieldhouse

Saturday Dec. 9
vs. to be determined
1 p.m. or 3 p.m. DeVos Fieldhouse

DEW CREW

The Dew Crew will hold a rally Dec. 6 at 7:30 p.m. at DeVos Fieldhouse. The festivities will include giving out T-shirts, receiving Hope vs. Calvin tickets and learning Dew Crew chants and cheers.

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